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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

MO ET AL.

Examiner

Saba Tsegaye

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 March 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This Office Action is in response to the amendment filed 03/27/06. Claims 1-17 are pending. Currently no claims are in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-15 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Rekhter et al. (US 6,526,056 B1).

With respects to claims 1, 6, 12 and 13, Rekhter discloses in Figs. 1 and 7 an import filter receiving a plurality of routers, the plurality of routers having a next hop routing information the import filter accepting a first subset of the routers according to an import target policy (column 6 lines 53-65; column 7, lines 30-38); and a re-export filter receiving the plurality of routes, modifying the next hop information of a second subset of the routes, and distributing the modified routes (column 8, lines 31-48).

Regarding claims 2 and 14, Rekhter discloses the system wherein the re-export filter modifies the next hop information to be the address of a router serving as a firewall of a network (column 32, line 63-column 33, line 6).

Regarding claims 3 and 15, Rekhter discloses the system wherein the re-export filter modifies the next hop information to be the address of a firewall of a virtual private network (column 32, line 63-column 33, line 6).

Regarding claims 5, 11, and 17, Rekhter discloses the system wherein the plurality of routes each comprises a route distinguisher (T3), a rout target (D1), and the next hop information (T2).

Regarding claim 7, Rekhter discloses the network wherein the re-export filter modifies the next hop information to be the address of the hub node (column 8, lines 31-48).

Regarding claim 8, Rekhter discloses the network wherein the re-export filter modifies the next hop information to be the address of the hub node serving as a firewall for the network (column 32, line 63-column 33, line 6).

Regarding claim 9, Rekhter discloses the network wherein the re-export filter modifies the next hop information to be the address of the hub serving as a firewall of a virtual private network (column 32, line 63-column 33, line 6).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. Claims 4, 10 ad 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rekhter et al. in view of Lin.

With respect to claims 4,10 and 16, Rekhter discloses a system as stated above, but does not disclose a re-export filter comprising of a mask, a value for comparison with the route and an action to take in response to a match between the route and the comparison value.

However, Lin in Patent No. 6,633,563 discloses a content addressable memory having a search field, a mask and an output for each memory location. An input value and mask are

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respectively received on a value bus and mask bus. Each of the input value and mask has a number of bits equal to the search field length. The data stored in the output field is generated as output on an output bus if the input value at bit positions specified by the mask bus match the corresponding bits of the search field. That is, only the bits in bit positions specified by the mask may be compared (column 10 lines 13-22). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to include a mask, a value for comparison with the route, and an action to take in response to a match between the route and the comparison value in Rekhter in order to provide a method to control what is the deciding factor used to determine if a route is blocked or permitted and to provide a comparison method to decide if a route should be blocked or permitted.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-17 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Saba Tsegaye whose telephone number is (571) 272-3091. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (7:30-5:00), First Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Doris To can be reached on (571) 272-7629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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